

Gales on Great Lakes.
Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 12.—The worst gale of the season has been blowing for the past twenty-four hours and the crews of boats which have arrived report it one of the worst ever.

STRATHCONA NEWS

DISCUSSION ON BRIDGE CONTRIBUTION DEFERRED.

Little business of importance came up before the Strathcona Council last night as the City will make a grant towards a University Hospital for next year.

The question of Strathcona's share towards the high level bridge did not come up for consideration as the Strathcona Council last night as the rearranging of the alignment has been decided upon by the C. P. R. Plans being forwarded to Edmonton not having arrived. There was little business of importance. Mayor Duggan presided and Aldermen Rich, Sharp, Richards, Dunnan, Tipton and Elliott were in attendance.

The street railway came in for strong censure because of the condition of the streets near the rails. The city engineer is negotiating with the street railway superintendent and considerable correspondence has passed between them with reference to the streets.

The Communications. John S. Hall, secretary of the Alberta Municipalities Association, urged that delegates be sent to the annual meeting in Lethbridge, before the 14th and 15th. It was decided to forward the fee and Alderman Elliott was appointed a delegate to the convention.

Joseph B. Kitchin, agent for Thomas Anderson White, protesting against any movement to close Duval's street, and any other part of the thoroughfare fronting on Mr. Anderson's estate and making that notice of any application he sent him. The letter was filed.

H. W. Squire, manager of the Imperial Bank, wrote stating that the interest on current loans to the city was lowered from 6 per cent to 5 1/2 per cent. The letter was filed.

The secretary of the Strathcona Risk Association, George F. Downes, wrote asking for a rebate of one half of the dues as no dividend has ever been paid and as it is mutually beneficial for the benefit of the city and need a large amount of electricity. It was also asked that part of the sidewalk in front of the risk was on the city and belonged to the association. The communication was referred to the assessment committee to make a recommendation.

The Western Supply Company wrote offering quotations for water and sewer pipe in connection with the extensions for next year. The letter was filed.

Two petitions were received from John Walter for sidewalks, one on the north side of Third Avenue north from the south end to the south end of block 125, also the north side of Third Avenue north from the south end of block 125 to the south end of block 126, also the south end of block 126 to the south end of block 127. The petitions were handed

over to the public works committee with the understanding that nothing should be done in construction until next year's council.

The Accounts.

Accounts totalling \$4,728.61 were referred to be paid as follows:

Public works	1.75
Plasterer Co.	5.40
Canadian Oil Co.	1.75
Strathcona Cartage Co.	50.00
McGowan Hardware Co.	21.50
McLean & Co.	2.00
Johnson Bros.	14.50
Standard Plumbing Co.	72.40
C. P. R.	1.00
McGowan Hardware Co.	3.04
W. Deitz	189.70
Standard Plumbing Co.	1.58
Standard Plumbing Co.	7.32
Plasterer Co.	136.85
Fire Department—	
Gt. West Sundry Co.	1.75
Gt. West Sundry Co.	2.30
C. P. R.	3.54
C. P. R.	182.56
C. P. R.	6.04
Carmichael & Lawrence	4.40
A. M. Campbell	4.80
Wininger Rubber Co.	149.85
Electric Light—	
Gt. West Sundry Co.	128.59
Strathcona Coal Co.	62.50
Northern Electric Co.	278.15
Market—	
McGowan Hardware Co.	9.40
Strathcona Coal Co.	9.92
A. Paul	10.00
J. M. Fallam	74.50
Geary Bros.	7.29
Power Plant—	
Jackson Bros.	49.45
Standard Plumbing	49.45
C. P. R.	3.00
C. P. R.	125.90
Standard Plumbing	158.40
Strathcona Coal Co.	120.40
Gorman, Clancy & Grindley	184.74
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Gorman, Clancy & Grindley	172.65
A. J. J.	2.40
McGowan Hardware Co.	2.40
Standard Plumbing	9.08
O'Brien, Dale Lumber Co.	85.70
Total	4,708.61

Delegations Heard.

Reid, Ritchie appeared before the council with reference to the closing up of the crossing on Fifth Avenue north. He offered to give a right of way across block 114 to connect Fifth and Sixth Avenue north and a small block that he owned in the city park in return for part of the north end of Second street east, that was of little use.

The application of Mr. Ritchie was referred to the public works committee and the engineer for report.

Alderman Richards, chairman of the fire and light committee submitted a letter from J. M. Eaton, con-

tractor, on the new fire hall which was submitted to the committee by the architect Herald & Wilson, were not according to the specifications, and their installation would be charged extra against the building fund of the city.

This matter was left with the committee to arrange. The chairman, being of the opinion that the contractor should follow the details of the architect.

Alderman Tipton brought up a number of questions in connection with the new market. He suggested that a telephone be placed in the market and also referred to the leasing of the building for the winter.

A communication was submitted by the city engineer from Dan Alton, representative of the Canadian Western Pipe Company, asking that the city should supply the G. T. P. with some wood pipe which they needed in a hurry to connect up with the Edmonton system. The matter was left with the water and sewer committee.

The city engineer submitted correspondence with street railway Superintendent Taylor over the condition of the streets along the railway.

The superintendent contended that that British Columbia had not supplied him with the clay from the excavation as agreed upon and a company replied that they had been instructed to place the clay elsewhere for the council.

In concluding Mr. Taylor stated that he was of the opinion that at least some members of the council had not dealt fairly by him.

The engineer was instructed to notify both the street railway superintendent and the city commissioner of Strathcona that the work of putting the streets in order would be started at once.

The University Hospital.

Alderman Elliott said that the university authorities were anxious to have the citizens vote on the remaining part of the grant of \$100,000 for the new hospital in connection with the university. Plans were now being prepared for the new institution upon which it was expected to start work early next spring.

Several years ago a money bonus of \$300,000 for a new hospital was passed, of this amount \$15,000 was expended for a site south of Whyte Avenue. This leaves \$285,000 still on hand and another vote of \$45,000 less the amount retained on the site now held will have to be made towards the university hospital.

LOCALS.

The no market stalls will be placed in position this week along the alley on the south side of the square. A small brick office is being built for the weigher alongside the excavation.

The real estate firm of A. E. Austin and R. H. Palmer have dissolved partnership. The business in future will be continued by A. E. Austin & Co., who have assumed all the liabilities and assets of the old firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Sangster and Misses Monica, of Conquesting Cross are visiting in the city for a few days.

The ladies of Holy Trinity church are making extensive preparations for the Thanksgiving dinner to be held in the church on Thanksgiving evening.

On Saturday morning the threshing outfit of the Colman Threshing Co., which was being worked several miles southwest of Strathcona, was harnessed in a mysterious manner. The competition had been keen, a number of cattle having been working in the district. Friday night the threshing crew, nearly all Swedes from the Colman district, retired about 11 o'clock, leaving the machine between two partially threshed stacks of grain.

About one o'clock the separator was discovered in flames. The crew which hurriedly turned well succeeded in saving part of the bolting. No indications of fire were to be seen about the stacks of grain and the theory is that the fire had been started by an incendiary from the inside.

Revolution in Santo Domingo. Cape Haitien, Haiti, Oct. 11—A revolution has broken out in Santo Domingo. The insurgents, headed by General Andre Navarre, this morning attacked the city, a town near the Haitian frontier, but were repulsed by the government troops.

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EDMONTON, ALTA.

TO INCREASE MAYOR'S SALARY TO \$3,000.00

Alderman Landy Presents Motion to City Council Calling for Increase in Chief Magistrate's Emolument—His Work Mayor Lee, Slightly Embarrassed.

Should the salary of the mayor of Edmonton be placed at \$3,000 per annum? That is the question which agitated the minds of the aldermen for a quarter of an hour at the close of last night's regular meeting of the city council, and incidentally some what embarrassed Mayor Lee, who was in the chair, for the rate now set at \$2,000 a year, if passed by the council, will apply to the salary of the present incumbent of the mayor's chair.

The routine business had been disposed of when Alderman Landy, with a few curt remarks, introduced his motion that the salary of the mayor be placed on a fixed basis of \$3,000 per annum. The \$2,000 at present given the mayor for his services as member of the board of commissioners and for performing the other multifarious duties falling to the lot of the chief magistrate of a large and rapidly growing city, was also at hand, and the council was called upon to place the emolument of the office on a level with the demands it made on the occupant.

The aldermen seemed pretty well agreed that the mayor's salary should be largely increased, but hesitated at the big jump from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Alderman McInnis could not see how it was that the mayor's services were estimated to be of greater value than those of a commissioner who received his whole time in managing the city's business. He would have made the salary of the mayor equal to that of a commissioner, \$2,500 per annum. It was a ridiculously low salary that the mayor was at present receiving.

Alderman McKinnley agreed with Alderman McInnis at the point he had raised. He, too, would have the mayor's salary raised to be equal to a commissioner's.

Alderman Landy thought that from previous conversations he had had with the aldermen they were all agreed to support his motion, and now seemed anxious to deny it. He would withdraw the motion and present it at the next meeting.

The aldermen declared themselves ready for the motion, and the mayor, who had been sitting in the chair, manfully said "If he put it it would probably have carried unanimously. As it is, it will not be settled at the regular meeting next Tuesday evening."

In the course of the discussion, Alderman Landy suggested that the mayor should have stated office hours at the City Hall. Edmonton was the only city in the province where the mayor was required to be at the City Hall from 10 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock in the evening.

City Solicitor By-Law.—The City Solicitor, Henry, reported that the city could present a library bill to the voters if a petition signed by one-third the number of resident voters were submitted.

The grant for the library could only be secured indirectly. The library board would require a certain amount of money and the city would then present a second by-law to be voted on by the burgesses. Alderman Manson moved, seconded by Alderman Armstrong, that the city solicitor be instructed to bring down the necessary free by-law at the next regular meeting. A fully signed petition has already been presented.

The report of City Auditor Richardson, recommending that the duties of the commissioners as specified in resolutions passed by the council from time to time be deleted, was brought forth in a by-law, was adopted by the council on motion of Alderman Manson, seconded by Alderman Armstrong. The special committee preparing the by-law will be enlarged by the addition of the legislation and by-law committee.

The commissioners were instructed to take up the matter of a site for the proposed armory and to report to the council on the result of their inquiries.

To Hear Petitioners.—The petitioners against the closing of new street which runs through the G.T.P. yards will be notified that they will be heard by the council at its next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the city hall, 1001, 10th street, where it connects with Strathcona street at the G.T.P. crossing with the street which runs through the yards. The petitioners are to be heard by the council at its next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the city hall, 1001, 10th street, where it connects with Strathcona street at the G.T.P. crossing with the street which runs through the yards.

Letter Sends Telegram.—A telegram was received from W. W. Peters, of the C.P.R., who stated in respect to the wire sent by Mayor Lee yesterday afternoon that he would be in Edmonton on Monday, Oct. 14th, as representative of the C.P.R. in satisfying the bridge agreement.

The receipt report of the financial committee was submitted by Al. Macdonald, chairman, and the report of the accounts totaling \$4,307.66 were ordered paid on being duly verified.

SCOTLAND YARD DOES NOT BELIEVE HIS STORY

American Who Confesses to Murder of Ethel Kinrade Believed to Be Inmate—Has Written His Confession, Which Police Are Studying.

London, October 12.—Yesterday Edward William Bell, an American, in Minneapolis, surrendered himself to Superintendent. Frank Forrest, of the New Scotland Yard, to whom he confessed that he had murdered Miss Kinrade, of Hamilton, Canada, and that he was guilty of the crime. Chief Inspector Kydd, who has charge of the case, speaking to the Canadian Associated Press, said that on Bedford, surrendering himself, Kydd said that he was the offender of Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner, at noon yesterday, in order to ascertain whether or not a crime had been committed had taken place. Kydd said that the man who had been charged with the murder of the girl was in custody, but that he is inclined to disbelieve him because he had been in Scotland for six months on the date he was charged with the crime, though he corrected that this morning by saying that when he ran through the back yard and saw the ground.

Kydd said that when he was working around the Toronto hotel where he met a man, who, after a short acquaintance, asked Bedford if he wanted to make some money. Bedford expressed a wish for the opportunity, when the stranger told him that he had a plan to kill a girl named Ethel Kinrade, who was the daughter of a man Kydd said agreed with the description Miss Kinrade gave of the girl who appeared in Bow street police court today. He is six feet tall, clear cut features, slim build, fair hair, blue eyes and gave him a set of 21. He answered to the man's name, and decided.

Bedford's Confession.—Bedford's lengthy confession contains a wealth of circumstantial detail. He said that so far as he could remember, the crime occurred in the summer of last year. The man he met in Toronto was about 33 or 34, 5 feet 11 inches, medium build, grey hair, heavy drooping moustache. The stranger said: "If you can keep all the secrets you learn in the next few days you will pay me well." Bedford replied: "I am willing to do anything if there is money in it." Then he gave him an account of the negotiations. The stranger said he wanted to kill Miss Kinrade for jilting him, and produced two revolvers, one a Mauser, the other an old-fashioned weapon. Bedford said: "Then you really mean to kill this girl." The stranger replied: "I want you to do that. This is the reason why I pay you."

Bedford said he had \$50 and \$10 from the stranger to buy a disguise. Bedford said he bought one black, one white beard, a black evening coat and two black caps at a Jewish quarter, off Queen street, giving two dollars and twenty cents for the lot. He then went to Hamilton and met the stranger, who gave him the disguise except an overcoat. The stranger was then dressed roughly like a tramp.

Disguised as Tramp.—Bedford then then gave a stranger a cap and told him to make himself look as much like a tramp as possible, and was told to meet him on "Milk street," or something like that. The stranger then told him to buy a disguise and two black caps at a Jewish quarter, off Queen street, giving two dollars and twenty cents for the lot. He then went to Hamilton and met the stranger, who gave him the disguise except an overcoat. The stranger was then dressed roughly like a tramp.

about five o'clock he and the stranger stayed all night at a cheap boarding house near the station. He met the man next afternoon, and he told him he killed the girl and gave him a check for money and a ticket for England. "The man never told me his name," added Bedford, "and I have no idea how he can be found." The man, however, gave him information as to where to go, and he was introduced to two persons, one in Liverpool and the other in London. These names he did not wish to give.

Description Does Not Tally.—Charles Christie, 12, C. M. Wright said this afternoon that the description of the man who was seen at the Kinrade murder, as far as he could remember, the man was not tall and was dark complexioned instead of light.

Mrs. Wright was not available and he could give no information concerning the rejected suit mentioned in the cable. He was greatly interested in any new information concerning the affair and though he is not very optimistic concerning the London confession, he hopes that Bedford is the man.

The difference in the two descriptions, he pointed out, might be due to the fact that Bedford was in the chair when the crime did the crime stood in the doorway while the shots were being fired.

Three Storey Plunge.

Thurso, B.C., Oct. 12.—A. D. G. Givner, from Brandon, jumped out of a three-story window at the rear of the Austin Hotel early this morning and now lies in the General Hospital with a fractured skull, and other injuries, which will probably cause death.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1909

After a thorough test of the new pump, by an official of the Underwriters, the base rate in the city is to be dropped again to the former figure, seventy-cent, the difference being retained on policy, taken out since September first. The announcement is gratifying to those who have taken out policies during the interim, or who may require to take them out in the near future. It is generally satisfactory too, as freeing the city from any suspicion of insecurity against compensation. It is also a formal announcement of the Underwriters to the world that the temporary cause of their apprehension has been removed and that the city is now provided with a supply of water at ample pressure for fire-fighting purposes. With the admitted excellence of the big pipe, the city may look on good protection as any western city possesses. It is further hinted that a new rating may be made which will lower the base rate to sixty-five cent. Anything in the near city can do to secure the reduction should be done.

Readers are not particularly concerned in the methods by which newspapers get the news, except in so far as the methods are, or are not, successful. The Railway Commission was asked in Winnipeg Monday to take up a matter affecting the collection and distribution of news which affects the readers of a great many western papers, because it affects the amount of telegraphic news the papers are able to publish. The Western Associated Press is a cooperative news gathering association of western papers established some few years ago for the purpose of securing a better and more independent telegraphic service than was supplied by the C. P. R. On Monday a representative of the Western Associated Press appeared before the Commission in Winnipeg to complain of discrimination being made against the new organization by the C. P. R. and the Great North Western Telegraph Co. It is claimed that these companies charge the association a higher rate for transmitting its telegraphic dispatches than is charged for forwarding messages direct to an individual paper, though the cost of transmission is the same. It is further claimed that the C. P. R. charges the Association news papers a higher rate than is charged for carrying its own service to the same points. The result of this discrimination is claimed to be that Association papers pay more for a service of three thousand words than papers using the C. P. R. press service pay for a service of from five to six thousand words. This is putting on the thumb-screw, with something of a vengeance. The deal, of course, not only retains business to the C. P. R. news service, but gives the company the power to select, edit, and forward to the papers using their service such news as the company may see fit, or may consider in their own interests to have published. Of the two ends it is likely the company set more value on the control of the news than on the profit they make from the miserable exercise of their monopolistic powers. The fight is not one simply of dollars and cents, but for the freedom of the papers which profits have their news collected and forwarded by an independent and disinclined agency. As such it must be of great interest to readers of the papers. It further affects them in that the discrimination would enable the Association papers in C. P. R. zone to publish later telegraphic news for the same outlay.

COUNSELLING HYPOCRISY.

The Toronto News continues to urge its party to do something to prevent the public that they are not the advocates of high tariff. As yet it has not little enough encouragement in the

cause, for the party seems by no means disposed to undertake a task so formidable as the holding of a constitutional conference who is little trusted and less liked. The party journals, as a class, have received the proposal in complex and expressive silence. This perhaps is not to be wondered at, for a journal which practices deception on its readers is quite as likely to practice it on its friends, and which preaches partition under the guise of independence is quite as likely to preach herey under the mask of orthodoxy. The "success of an enterprise" in the Opposition is not more "curiously close" than the growth of confidence in the same party toward its journalistic ally. The new departure of the News is likely to do nothing to hasten this growth, for those who advise others to wear the mask must be suspected of wearing it themselves.

The reason for this advice, the News boldly avows to be that the beneficiaries of high-tariff have not been so recently loyal to its advocates. The manufacturers, the News is at pains to assert, do not adhere to the Opposition as a solid body. Some of them are Liberals, and vote and work for the success of that party. Their Association has even elevated Liberals to its presidency. The class, as a class, have not maintained the sacrifice of the party which established high tariff by their unwavering allegiance. It is hinted that they have been wanting in readiness to produce the evidence of war in the quantity and at the time needed. It is even charged that those of them guilty of holding Liberal views have been contributing funds to Liberal campaign funds. There is little hope of change for the better. Low tariff, sentiment is predominant in the West and the West is growing in political power. Wherefore, asks the News, should the Opposition cling to a cause whose beneficiaries have been unfaithful and whose prospects are so poor?

It is easy to understand why the Opposition do not fall in with the News' proposal. They could not do so without casting an implicit stain on the record of their party and on their own good names. High protection has not been preached in this country as a scheme for enriching the manufacturers. It has been proposed as a fiscal platform of great and general benefit to the entire country. Its advocates have been anxious to read rather than to proclaim that it was, or would again be, of special benefit to the manufacturers. They have urged it not as a class policy, but as a national policy. When unable to deny that it had benefited the manufacturers at the expense of the other classes, they declared and insisted that this was an incident and not an end, and that the incident was more than counterbalanced by the general benefits derived by the people at large. Mistaken as these views undoubtedly are, they are views held with all sincerity by thousands of upright men. To those men the News now proposes that they should declare that their past arguments have been consciously false; that what they have urged as a measure of general benefit was in substance and reality a scheme for enriching a class; that what they advocated as a policy born in a sincere regard for the wellbeing of the whole community, was merely a device for gaining the support of a powerful class in the community by filling their efforts at the public expense. Vigorously as Liberal papers have combated the high-tariff doctrine they have never held it to be the doctrine of a party of hypocrites, nor will they believe this to be so, even on the repeated assertions of the Toronto News. Nor can it be wondered that the Conservative party, as a party, treats with fitting disdain the proposal that they declare themselves a band of political mercenaries, advocating a fiscal policy for what there was in it, and prepared to abandon it because it has not won for them the undivided support of men whose interests were benefited by it in days gone by and would be prospected by it again.

A VACANT LOT.

Toronto Star: There is a vacant lot in the downtown business district in Toronto. It has always been a vacant lot for twenty, perhaps, for fifty years. It has served no purpose. It is probable that it has yielded more profit than any other vacant lot in the city, but not a cent of it has been used for anything.

It is not doing a year to increase its own value. It never did anything for itself. It has been an idle space, never helping but always hindering the general development of the street on which it fronts. Yet the land on either side of it, growing under the buildings and backyards, is valuable. It is more valuable than it is.

Surely land that lies in that way should be punished. The vacant city lot is a wasteful land; it is more than the hillside in the wilderness,

yet it shares in a prosperity that it does not produce, but reflects. Why should it lie in the shade of the enterprise by which it is sustained, and wait for a progress not its own? Why should the business of a great city be further in the inconvenience of circling around it, stumbling over it, finding it always an obstacle, never an aid? Should not a vagabond lot like this be rebuked for its inactivity, and for its idleness and stripped of its unearned increment?

BOTH BARRELS AT ONCE.

Winnipeg Free Press: The Conservative paper in St. Boniface, Le Manitoba, spreads over a whole page of its issue this week an article from "L'Eveillément de Québec," under the heading "The Burning Question," vehemently assailing the settlement of the school question made in the Dominion legislation establishing the two new provinces. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is furiously denounced in this broadside for having made a "shameful sacrifice of the rights of the minority." The most enlightening comment upon this is the fact that the Toronto News, the Ottawa Sentinel, and other journals in Ontario on the side of the same political party as Le Manitoba and L'Eveillément de Québec are not less furiously assailing the Saskatchewan and Alberta school settlement as a "betrayal of the Protestants" and declaring that it was dictated by the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The coincidence of these onslaughts is notable. The News goes so far as to suggest that Mr. Borden should make a speech in the new provinces a main Conservative issue against the Dominion government.

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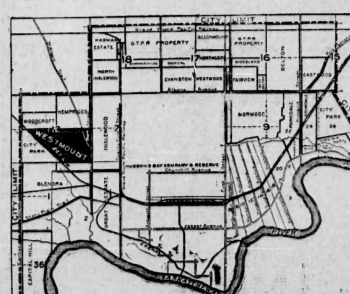
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